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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Suspensions At UN

ON January 1 the McCarran Committee will resume investigating the American officials of the United Nations. Its right to do so has been upheld by the three international jurists appointed by Mr. Trygve Lie to advise him on the relations between the committee and his staff. "In our opinion," they say, "there is no immunity or privilege enjoyed by any member of the United Nations staff behind which he could shelter if brought to account on any charge of his taking part in subversive activities against the United States." Does this open the door to the McCarran Committee investigating non-Americans as well as American citizens? It is a serious matter. Because of the peculiar ideas and methods of the committee its inquiries are widely detested. It seems to assume that if it can show that a mature and responsible official moved in his undergraduate days in circles from which Communists were recruited it has proved him to be a bad security risk and has given adequate grounds for his dismissal. A question of principle is involved and has to be examined.

ONE immediate question raised is whether the country which is the host to the United Nations has a reasonable claim to control the staff of the United Nations so as to ensure they do not abuse their position and try to subvert the institutions of the host country. Mr. Lie's three jurists seem to suggest that the way to harmonize the American interest and the interests of the United Nations is for the Secretary-General himself to purge the Secretariat of Communists. But would America be safer if American Communists were dismissed from the United Nations while Polish or Bulgarian Communists remain? And if America is allowed to insist on excluding Communists will other countries, even though not in the position of hosts, begin to demand the exclusion of their particular black sheeps? It is a bad outlook. The best hope of avoiding trouble is for the United Nations to recruit only those officials who are ready to take seriously their oath, not to be the instruments of any national Government.

## Shipwrecked Passengers In Grim Danger

### DOOMED UNLESS IMMEDIATELY RESCUED

Beirut, Dec. 22.

An undetermined number of passengers and crew faced death tonight aboard the French liner *Champollion*, fast breaking up on the rocky, wind-lashed Lebanese coast.

The British 8,000-ton cruiser *Kenya* was speeding tonight from Port Said to the rescue of the vessel, whose captain sent a message ashore saying bluntly that all aboard were doomed unless they could be "immediately rescued"—and all rescue attempts so far have failed.

The liner appeared to be fast grinding to pieces on a sandbank as waves three metres high lashed her hull.

It is not clear exactly how many people are still on board, but the *Champollion* was earlier reported to be carrying 500 passengers and crew. Of these one boatload of 20 sailors struggled through ashore this afternoon, hauling a thick cable. But the cable broke and hopes of rescue faded.

Under heavy rain a second cable connection was made later with the ship, but with the raging sea it was a precarious contact.

At 7.30 p.m. local time, the liner again sent out a boat to make the second attempt to get a cable ashore. This time, instead of trying to cross directly, the boat's crew allowed the current to carry it ashore.

Lebanese rescuers awaiting it on shore immediately tied the cable to an army tank to secure it.

Experts ashore said they have no other means of rescuing the passengers, but are anxiously awaiting the promised British naval plane to arrive from Malta.

**TENSION HIGH**

Tension was almost at breaking point aboard the *Champollion*, and one report said arms had been issued to ship's officers.

Only one fatal casualty has so far been reported from the ship—the first boat, 2nd Lieutenant Selzer, told him that had visibility was the cause of the accident.

Currents offshore and the high waves took control of the ship, making it impossible to use the engines, he said.

The officer said about ten people were injured on board through broken glass.

From the shore it appeared that the liner had broken clear into two pieces, some yards apart.

Some experts believed the break may help to stabilize the two halves, because the ship was reconstructed in 1936 into separate watertight compartments.

With darkness and rain, no other boat dared to try to reach the shore from the *Champollion* and late tonight further operations were expected to be postponed until tomorrow.

The Lebanese Army hopes to bring the crew and passengers of the liner to safety across the cable to the shore—if it holds.

The liner is carrying a crew of about 400 and 42 passengers bound for Beirut and 60 bound for Jerusalem.

After grounding she lowered five lifeboats. One capsized and the five people in it swam to the shore and were rescued. The other boats were battered by the high waves and submerged rocks and were reported unable to get across the 650 feet of water.

**IN GLASS CASE**

The British cruiser *Kenya* is expected to reach the *Champollion* just before midnight, GMT, tonight, according to a London Admiralty announcement.

Earlier Israeli naval vessels picked up the *Champollion's* distress signals and sailed out from Haifa, entering Lebanese territorial waters, a Jerusalem report said.

Israel was said to have informed the Lebanese, through the Mixed Armistice Commission, that in accordance with international usage her rescue vessels would disregard Lebanese sovereignty.

The 2,737-ton French steamer *Syrie* was also reported to have arrived off Beirut and to be standing by to help.

During the day President Camille Chamoun of the Lebanon and members of his Government went to the shore near here to supervise the rescue efforts.—Reuters.

**NO RT CONTACT**

Paris, Dec. 22.

The French Postal Ministry said tonight that the *Champollion*, could not be reached by radio-telephone from France. Messages were piling up from the owners to the captain but there was now no hope of sending them.

A Ministry spokesman said it was believed the liner had abandoned shortwave radio transmission in order to keep her batteries for mediumwave transmission to nearby radio stations.

A Greek tug, which had set out to help the *Champollion*, had been unable to reach her by radio, the spokesman said.—Reuters.

**Factory Explosion**

New Jersey, Dec. 22.

About 20 people were injured today when a terrific explosion shook the Union Carbide and Carbon Company's bakelite factory at which 2,800 workers are employed. No deaths had so far been reported as a result of the explosion.—France-Press.

### Gaol-Breaker Recaptured



### Siamese Twins Problem

Doctors Considering Operation

Homburg, Germany, Dec. 23.

Lotli and Gitta Knaek, 18 months' old girl-Siamese twins, lay happily in their white, enamelled cot here today while German medical experts debated whether to attempt an operation to separate them.

The twins, daughters of Homburg postman Kurt Knaek, were taken last week to the University clinic at Bonn where they were examined by Professor Dr. Peter Tietze, one of Germany's leading brain specialists.

Like the Brodie twins in the United States the two little girls are linked at the head.

"We want an operation but only if we have every assurance humanly possible that it will succeed," Knaek told the United Press. "We certainly do not want Lotli, the weaker one, to be sacrificed to save her sister Gitta."

Mrs. Knaek confirmed that she and her husband have applied for a travelling showman's permit to enable them to show the twins publicly if an operation is impossible.

"We have made application," she said, "but have not yet received an answer. But we don't intend to show them at small town fairs or in peep show but only at reputable fairs."

Mrs. Knaek said that she and her husband hoped to get together enough money to buy a trailer in which the children would be exhibited in a glass case "in hygienic conditions," she said.

Lotli and Gitta can already say "Papa" and "Mama" and their parents and their little German nursery rhymes are somewhat off key. Their parents said that they were quite happy despite their inability to move around.

The two heads are completely fused together at the side and face in the same direction. At a casual glance it is impossible to distinguish the dividing line between the two skulls.

Medical experts have not divulged whether the brains are connected.

When one child lies on its back the other has to be placed partly across it. The merging of the two heads make it impossible for both to be laid on their back at the same time.—United Press.

### FAMILY OF FOUR MURDERED

Mau Mau Strikes

Nairobi, Dec. 22.

Africans armed with spears, knives and a rifle strangled and beheaded four members of a Kikuyu family in their hut in the Nyeri district, north of Nairobi, last night, police reported tonight.

They also murdered a fifth person in the same district.

The body of a Roman Catholic Mission schoolteacher, Joseph Mwa, was found today near his home at Kasigina, in the Nyeri district.

He was believed to have been killed on his way home last night.

Eleven Kikuyu tribesmen were sentenced to death by hanging today for the murder of a European farmer, Mr. Eric Bowyer, last October.

Mr. Bowyer was found back to pieces in his bath on his lonely Kikungu farm. Two of his African servants were also found murdered. A twelfth Kikuyu, who had also been on trial in connection with the murder, was acquitted.

The government of Kenya appointed Colonel Geoffrey Rimbaud, now Chief of Staff for East Africa, to co-ordinate the forces of law and order in the fight against the anti-white secret society, the Mau Mau.

### PRISON BREAK

Washington, Dec. 22.

Seven inmates of the Walla Walla State Penitentiary escaped today through a tunnel over 60 yards long. The tunnel began in the prison courtyard near the cinder heap and ended outside the prison walls.—France-Press.

### SNOW AND FLOODS

London, Dec. 22.

Reports of snow or floods in some countries had both—came today from six countries—France, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria and Germany.

Reuter cables gave the following picture:

Paris: Avalanches isolated the Val d'Aoste winter resort in the French Alps. They blocked the main road up the Isere Valley for almost half a mile, damaged the river and cut telephone lines and high tension cables.

Snow lay 23 to 26 feet deep in parts of the valley. More avalanches blocked roads farther south.

Floods disorganized life in the Ardennes and the Upper Seine and Lower Loire Valleys.

Old and sick people were evacuated from one flood-threatened town in France, while troops and volunteers in other places battled to hold the waters back.

Dogs were called out in the Austrian Alps to hunt people swallowed up by the "white death" as the tumbling snows are called.

Search parties said conditions in some places were "almost beyond human endurance" as fierce gales piled up the snow many feet thick.

Firemen on rafts were evacuating people marooned in the valleys around Bordenaux.

More than 1,000 people have been driven from their homes.

Geneva: Avalanches in the Valais district of South Switzerland have blocked roads, and warmer weather may thaw the snow and cause further snow slides.

## 23 Tourists Killed

### In Bus Disaster BURIED IN AN AVALANCHE

Bregenz, Austria, Dec. 22.

Twenty-three foreign tourists, 19 of them believed to be British and four French, were killed when an avalanche swept a bus from a bridge into a river near Stuben in the Vorarlberg Province this afternoon.

Only seven people in the bus were saved. First reports said they were all more or less injured.

The bus, the regular Post Office bus between Langen and Lechon, was said to have been swept into the stream by the air pressure caused by the avalanche, and then buried by the snow.

The bus was caught just when it was entering the bridge. Had it been only a few metres to either side, it would probably have escaped, Vorarlberg Provincial government officials said here tonight.

It fell six metres from the bridge into the frozen Rastbach stream, but most of the bodies showed symptoms typical of death caused by air pressure.

Most of the victims have not yet been fully identified. Tonight they were laid out in the little church of Langen on the Arlborg.

They were all young people, some of them children, on their way to winter sports centres in the Arlborg.

The bus was the last vehicle to be allowed to use the road between Langen and Stuben. It was to have been closed immediately after the avalanche because of the great danger of avalanches, the police said.

**RESCUE WORK**

The driver of the bus, who was only slightly injured, brought first news of the disaster to Langen, at the western entrance to the nine-kilometre-long Arlborg tunnel. It is only a few kilometres from Stuben.

Police and nearly the entire adult population of Langen (population about 700) helped in rescue work. They took four seriously injured and some slightly injured travellers to the hospital at Bludenz.

Telephone communications to Langen were partly cut by the avalanche.

The Provincial authorities tonight issued a total news blackout on the disaster, pending an official statement.

The Provincial government officials at once went to Langen to make an investigation.

Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl has sent a telegram of condolence to the Vorarlberg Provincial Governor, Mr. Urbanig, Figl asking him to convey his condolence in the name of the Austrian government to the families of the victims and do his utmost for the survivors.—Reuters.

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### FRENCH PREMIER RESIGNS

Paris, Dec. 22.

M. Antoine Pinay, France's "save-the-franc" Premier, told his Ministers to the Elysee Palace tonight to hand in their resignations to President Auriol.

"This dramatic move by the head of the French Government came after Popular Republican deputies had voted to abstain in the confidence ballot on the Budget, thus making his position critical."

"The Popular Republicans have of course, including Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, and form part of the Government majority."

M. Pinay told deputies: "I have taken note of the decision of the Government majority (the Popular Republicans)."

"Without waiting for the result of the vote I invite my Ministers to accompany me to the President."

He and his Ministers then left the Chamber for the Elysee to tender their resignations to the President.


Earlier ex-Premier and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, a leading member of the MRP, who voted to support the Government in the group meeting, told reporters afterwards the position looks very bad for Pinay.

M. Pinay's Government faced three confidence votes—the first on the controversial clause about the transfer of contributions.

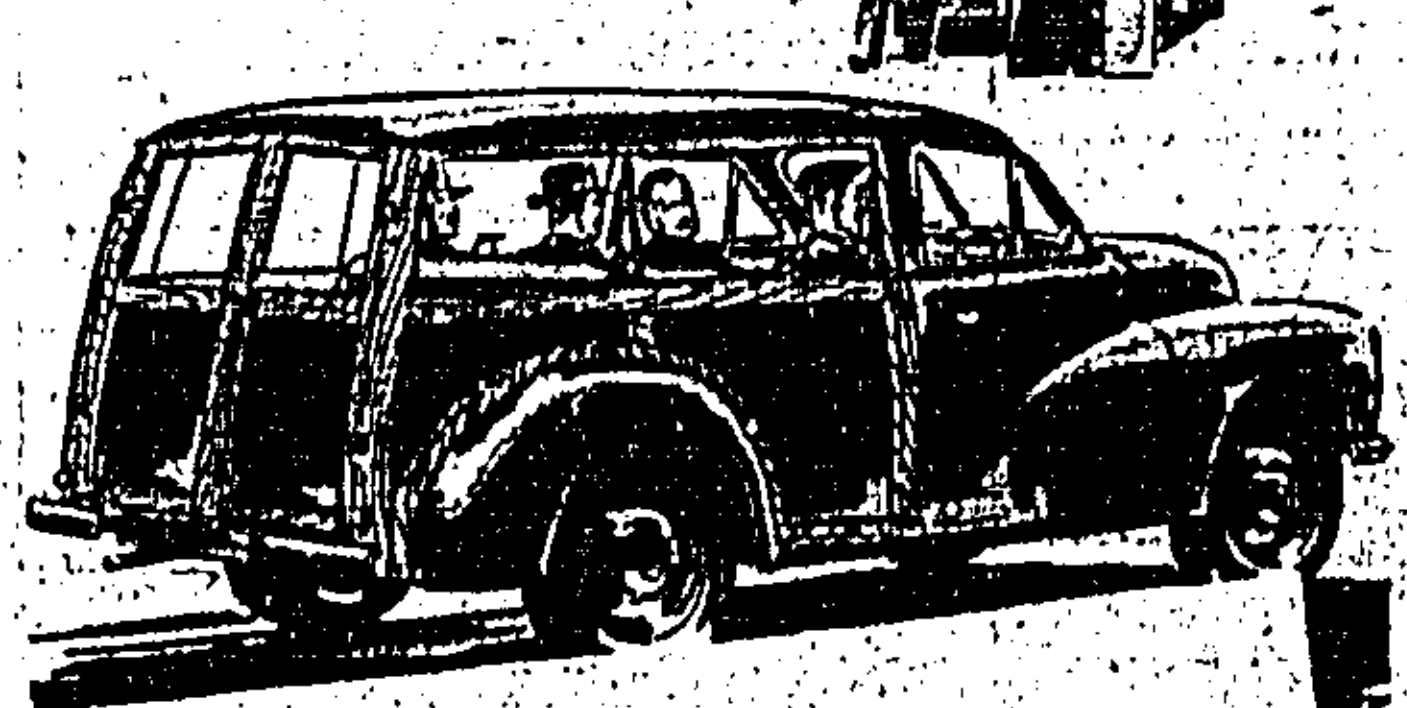
The French National Assembly, meeting again at 8.30 p.m. GMT, decided on a further 30-minute adjournment because M. Pinay was not present.—Reuters.

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## Situation In Iraq Improving

Baghdad, Dec. 22.  
General Abdul Amin  
Mutallib, Governor of Bagh-  
dad district, today released  
20 people detained during  
the November disorders,  
which began over dissatis-  
faction with the programme  
for elections due next  
month.

About 18 people were re-  
leased at the end of Novem-  
ber and 10 politicians, in-  
cluding former Ministers, were  
freed a week ago.

Further releases are expected  
within the next 24 hours.

An announcement on the  
opening date for the elections  
is expected this week.

General Kuruudin Mohamud,  
Iraqi Prime Minister, announced  
on November 24, immediately  
after the rioting, that the  
Government would shortly end  
martial law and would hold  
elections.

These would be based on a  
new electoral law and would be  
by direct suffrage.

Under the present system,  
qualified voters elected  
secondary electors who in turn  
chose Parliamentary deputies.

On November 24, General  
Abdul Mutallib ordered the dis-  
solution of Iraq's five political  
parties and suspension of all  
civil laws during a period of  
martial law.

Assemblies of more than five  
people were forbidden and a  
12-hour curfew, from six in the  
evening to six in the morning,  
was imposed.

This has been twice reduced  
until it covers only the hours  
from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Ten were killed and 100 in-  
jured in the incidents, according  
to unconfirmed reports at the  
time.—Reuter.

## Soviet Singer Ill In U.K.

London, Dec. 22.  
Mark Reizen, noted Russian  
basso of Moscow's Bolshoi  
Theatre, became ill today with  
a throat infection and was un-  
able to return to his homeland  
with a troupe of Soviet musi-  
cians.

The artist, whose few ap-  
pearances in Britain evoked  
critical notices that included  
favourable comparison with the  
late Feodor Chaliapin, was  
treated by a British doctor for  
possible pneumonia. Later a  
Russian doctor was called.

The Soviet group ended its  
tour with a concert yesterday  
at the Royal Festival Hall.—  
Associated Press.



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## Steady Increase In Crime All Over World.

### Prosperity May Be The Cause

Geneva, Dec. 23.  
A United Nations expert said that crime has  
increased steadily throughout the world since the  
war and that 50 to 55 per cent of all criminals in  
Britain and France are "repeaters".

M. Paul Amor (France), representing the United  
Nations Department of Social Affairs at the United  
Nations first 16-nation conference on crime prevention  
and the treatment of offenders, which met here in mid-  
December, said that the reasons for the increase were  
still a mystery, but he thought that it might be due to  
prosperity.

## EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS VISITING THE SUDAN

Khartoum, Dec. 22.  
Two senior Egyptian—  
a Minister and an army officer—today  
met the Sudan's two rival  
religious leaders before visiting  
the primitive Southern Sudan  
on an inspection tour.

The two Egyptians are Sheikh  
Ahmed Hassan El Bakury,  
Minister of Waqfs (religious  
foundations) and Major Salah  
Salim, an officer who has taken  
part in the Anglo-Egyptian talks  
on the Sudan's status in Cairo.

They arrived here last night  
and today met Sayed Sir Abdel  
Rahman El Mahdi, leader of the  
Ansar religious sect and  
patron of the pro-independence  
UMMA Party, and Sayed Sir  
Ali El Mirghani, leader of the  
rival Khatmir religious group.

Both men have immense follow-  
ings among the Sudanese.  
Major Salim told El Mahdi  
the results to date of the Cairo  
talks on the Sudan. Before  
leaving for the Southern Sudan  
he is also to see individual  
leaders of other Sudanese  
parties and tell them about the  
Cairo talks.

The position of the Southern  
Sudan is a key issue in the  
Cairo talks. Because of its  
pagan primitiveness Britain has  
agreed to the Sudan Governor-  
General having special responsi-  
bilities safeguarding its 3,000,000  
people in the proposed new  
constitution to give internal self-  
government to the Sudan.

Egypt has said she wants  
these special responsibilities  
abolished. The 6,000,000 people  
in the Northern Sudan are  
Moslem and much more ad-  
vanced and it will be northern-  
ers who will make up the  
majority of the Sudan's pro-  
posed new parliament. Self-  
government will precede self-  
determination.

Also visiting the south on  
Saturday will be representatives  
of the main political parties in  
the north.—Reuter.

## Major Killed In Accident

Stoke-on-Trent, Dec. 22.  
News was received in Stoke-  
on-Trent today of the death by  
accident on Saturday at Eynon  
Canal zone, of Major Ronald  
Geoffrey Copeland, of the 11th  
Hussars, son of Mr. Ronald  
Copeland, Managing Director of  
W. T. Copeland and Sons,  
Limited, makers of spode china.  
Details of the accident are  
not yet known.

Major Copeland was paying a  
visit to Egypt and was hoping  
to rejoin his wife and three  
sons in Cyprus for Christmas.—  
Reuter.

## BAN MAY BE LIFTED

Information reaching trade  
sources here intimates that the  
Singapore Government may lift  
the ban on the import of bicycle  
parts.

The information has caused  
enthusiasm among manufac-  
turers who expect export to  
Indonesia via Singapore in large  
quantities.—France Press.

"People who were able to  
earn money very quickly, es-  
pecially workers who cer-  
tainly deserve improvement—  
may have become used to a  
better type of life and have  
refused to live less well," he  
said.

The habit of earning a live-  
lihood easily may be part of  
the reason, he said.

"Some people were inspired  
by those who rose rapidly  
without working," he added.

Three years from now the  
United Nations will hold a  
world congress in New York to  
recommend universal methods  
for dealing with crime preven-  
tion and offenders, he said.

OPPOSES "CAT"

M. Amor personally dis-  
agreed with the practice of whip-  
ping offenders, as some people in  
Britain had suggested.

"Whipping is not a good  
method," he told a British  
newspaperman, adding, "I am  
opposed to all violent methods  
used on prisoners. I don't want  
to interfere with any practice in  
Britain, but personally I am  
very hostile to the idea."

M. Amor said that crime was  
essentially a social rather than a  
juridical problem which is why  
the United Nations placed it in  
the Department of Social Wel-  
fare.

He said that the rate of crime  
in the United States is pretty  
high, as is the rate of "repeaters",  
but he did not off-hand remem-  
ber how high.—United Press.

## Inquest On RAF Men

Basingstoke, Dec. 22.  
Recording a verdict of  
accidental death today at a  
Basingstoke R.A.F. station  
inquest on three pilot officers  
who were killed when the Can-  
berra jet bomber in which they  
were flying crashed on Friday  
at Steeple Morden near Royston,  
Hertfordshire, the coroner said  
evidence indicated there was  
possibly some fault in the en-  
gines of the aircraft which must  
have caused them to burst into  
flames.

"But there is no evidence such  
as would indicate criminal  
negligence."

The dead were Pilot Officers  
Henry Lloyd Westwood, 20,  
Thomas William Trench, 23, and  
Terence Joseph MacMillan, who  
would have been 20 on Christ-  
mas Eve.

The Deputy Officer-in-Charge  
of Camberley flights told the  
Coroner that the plane had been  
checked during the morning.

Flames coming from the en-  
gines indicated there might have  
been something mechanically  
wrong.—Reuter.

## Pakistan's New Constitution

Karachi, Dec. 22.  
Premier Khwaja Nazimuddin  
today told the Constituent As-  
sembly that the Pakistan con-  
stitution will make it a State  
in which the rights and in-  
terests of non-Muslims will be  
fully made the declaration in  
giving the Assembly a report  
on basic principles embodied in  
the draft of the Committee  
which is framing the constitu-  
tion.—United Press.

## Indian Senate Recess

New Delhi, Dec. 22.  
The Indian Senate (Upper  
House) adjourned sine die this  
evening after concluding a six-  
week session. Both Houses of  
Parliament are due to meet  
again on February 11 to discuss  
the budget.—France Press.

## More Controls Jettisoned

London, Dec. 22.  
Manufacture and sale of  
all meat products except  
uncooked beef and pork  
sausage meat and canned  
corned meat will be freed  
from control in Britain on  
January 1.

This was announced to-  
day by the Minister of  
Food, Major Lloyd George.  
Most meat products are  
now plentiful. Many of  
them are selling at less than  
maximum price. Controls  
on sausages and sausage  
meat will be reviewed  
soon.—Reuter.

## America To Buy British Warplanes

Paris, Dec. 22.  
An American plan to  
spend nearly \$500,000,000  
by 1955 for first-quality  
British and European jet  
fighters was reported today  
by informed officials.

About half the amount—run-  
ning to \$225,000,000—has al-  
ready been approved by the  
United States Congress under  
the \$1,000,000,000 American  
offshore buying programme set  
for the 12 months ending next  
June. The balance is expected  
under the United States 1953-  
1954 and 1954-1955 foreign aid  
appropriations.

Main supplying nations will  
be Britain, France, Italy, Bel-  
gium and Holland, approxi-  
mately in that order. The exact  
contribution Belgium will make  
at the moment is uncertain and  
is being discussed.

Although final status have yet  
to be agreed in Washington the  
expectation is that most of the  
plans ordered will be British-  
designed—probably the newest  
British types of Swifts, Hunters  
and the Gloster Javelin all-  
weather fighters. As far as can  
be established the planes may  
not be ordered in quantity.

The United States intended  
probably to buy a total of 1,700  
warplanes from European  
countries by 1955 for distribu-  
tion among the members of the  
14-nation Atlantic Alliance  
whose air defences need  
strengthening.

But, the informants reported,  
the figure is likely to be re-  
duced somewhat because of the  
Allied determination to con-  
centrate more on getting quality  
instead of quantity for their  
money.

The Allies decided in Lisbon  
last February they should set  
out to have 9,000 operational  
aircraft in Europe by 1955—a  
large figure they probably will  
need to revise in view of their  
general decision to slow down  
the pace of their arms drive.—  
Associated Press.

## THREAT TO GERMANY

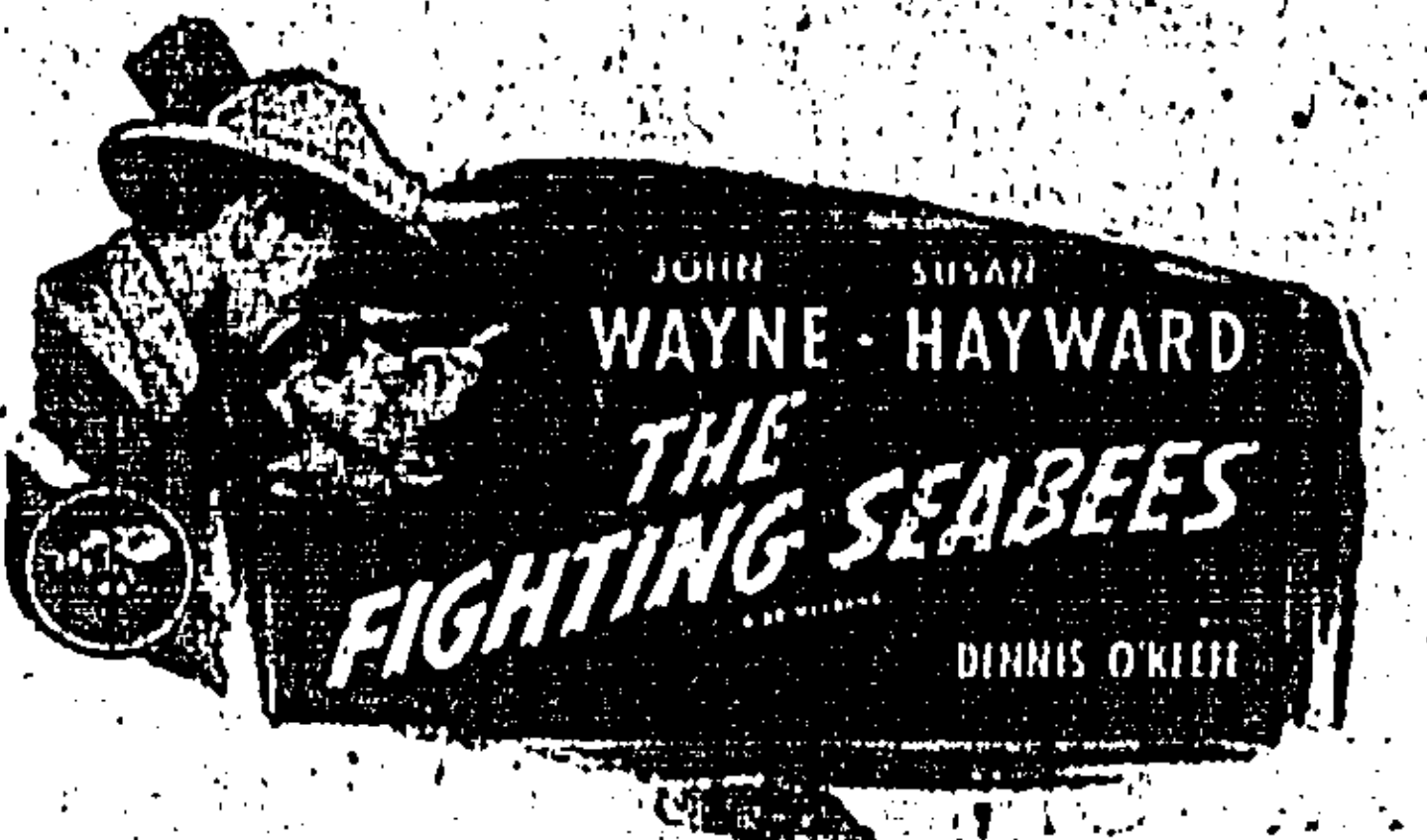
Washington, Dec. 22.  
Chancellor Konrad Adenauer  
of the German Republic was  
quoted as saying that the  
greatest military threat to  
Western Germany came from  
Czechoslovakia rather than from  
the Communist East German or  
Polish armies.

This comment was made in a  
copyrighted interview with the  
United States News and World  
Report, an independent weekly  
news magazine.

The Chancellor was asked if  
there was a danger that the  
German Soviet zone army and  
the Polish army might under-  
take an action against Ger-  
many without open Soviet par-  
ticipation.

His quoted reply was: "I do  
not fear it so much from the  
Soviet zone. The great threat I  
see is coming from Czechoslo-  
vakia. Apparently the So-  
viets are now engaged in secur-  
ing a firm hold on Czechoslo-  
vakia. At the moment they  
are meeting with certain dif-  
culties as the recent trials (the  
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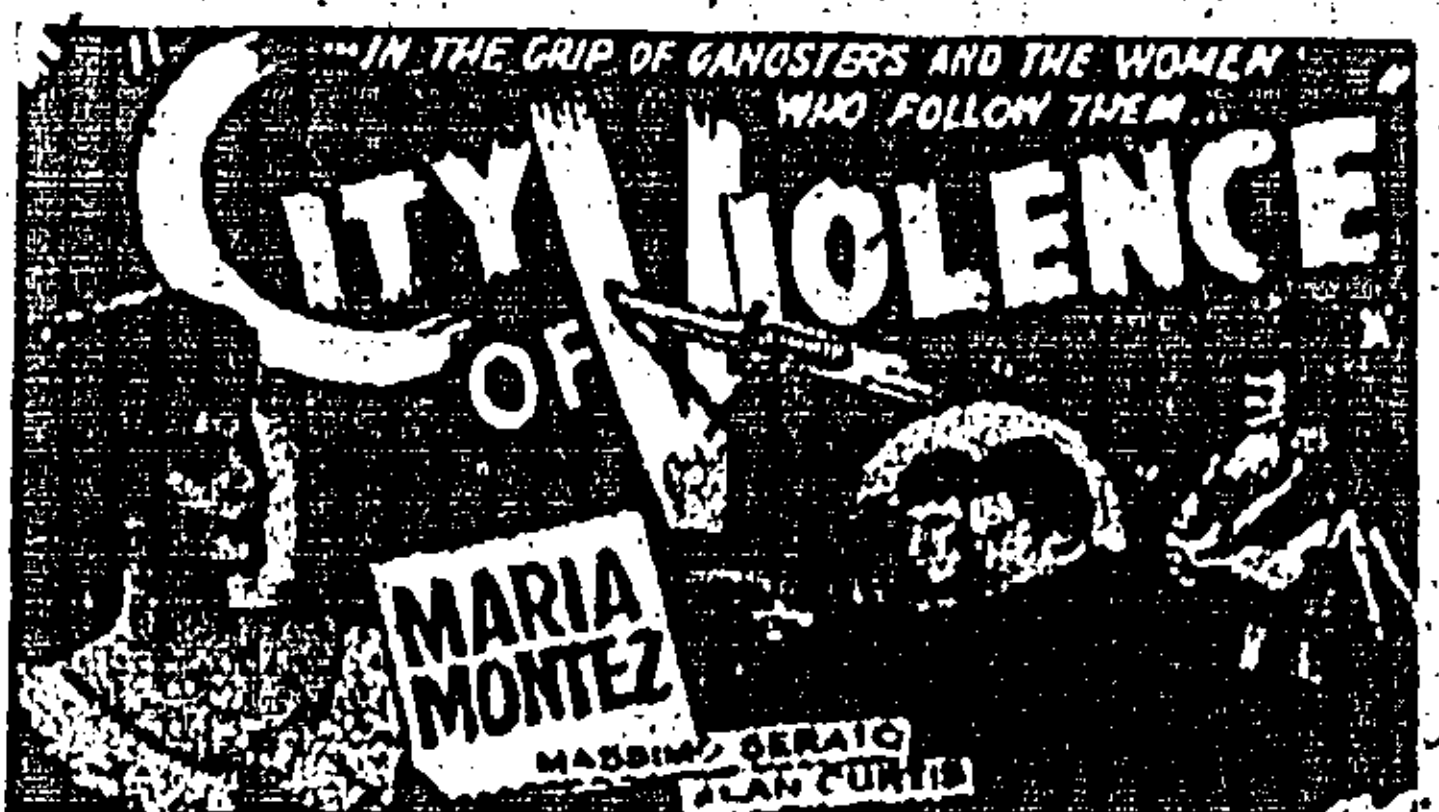


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# Agreement Reached Over Defence Pact In Balkans

## Naguib To Stage Trial Of Farouk

Cairo, Dec. 22.  
Ex-King Farouk of Egypt is to be tried in his absence for "abuse of constitutional prerogatives" and "corruption of political life in Egypt."

He will also be liable to lose his Egyptian nationality under an anti-corruption law passed by General Mohammed Naguib's Government.

Farouk, ousted from his throne last July, was described in Government circles tonight as being at the "root of evil" in Egypt.

He was alleged to have "encouraged widespread corruption, nepotism and misuse of power and influence" and to have stood in the way of reforms, to further his personal ambitions.

He was also accused of smuggling fortunes out of Egypt with the aid of several members of his "royal clique" and the connivance of some Cabinet Ministers.

The new law, punishing political graft, passed last night, applies to former Ministers and Members of Parliament and is retroactive to September 1930.

Penalties include loss of civil rights, a ban on holding public office or posts with commercial companies for a limited period, a refund to the State of money illicitly obtained and loss of Egyptian nationality.—Reuter.

## French Sortie In Tonkin

Paris, Dec. 22.  
Several French battalions have returned to the fortified northwest Indo-China airfield of Nam after an offensive reconnaissance as far as Banat, to the southeast, Agency France Press reported today from Hanoi.

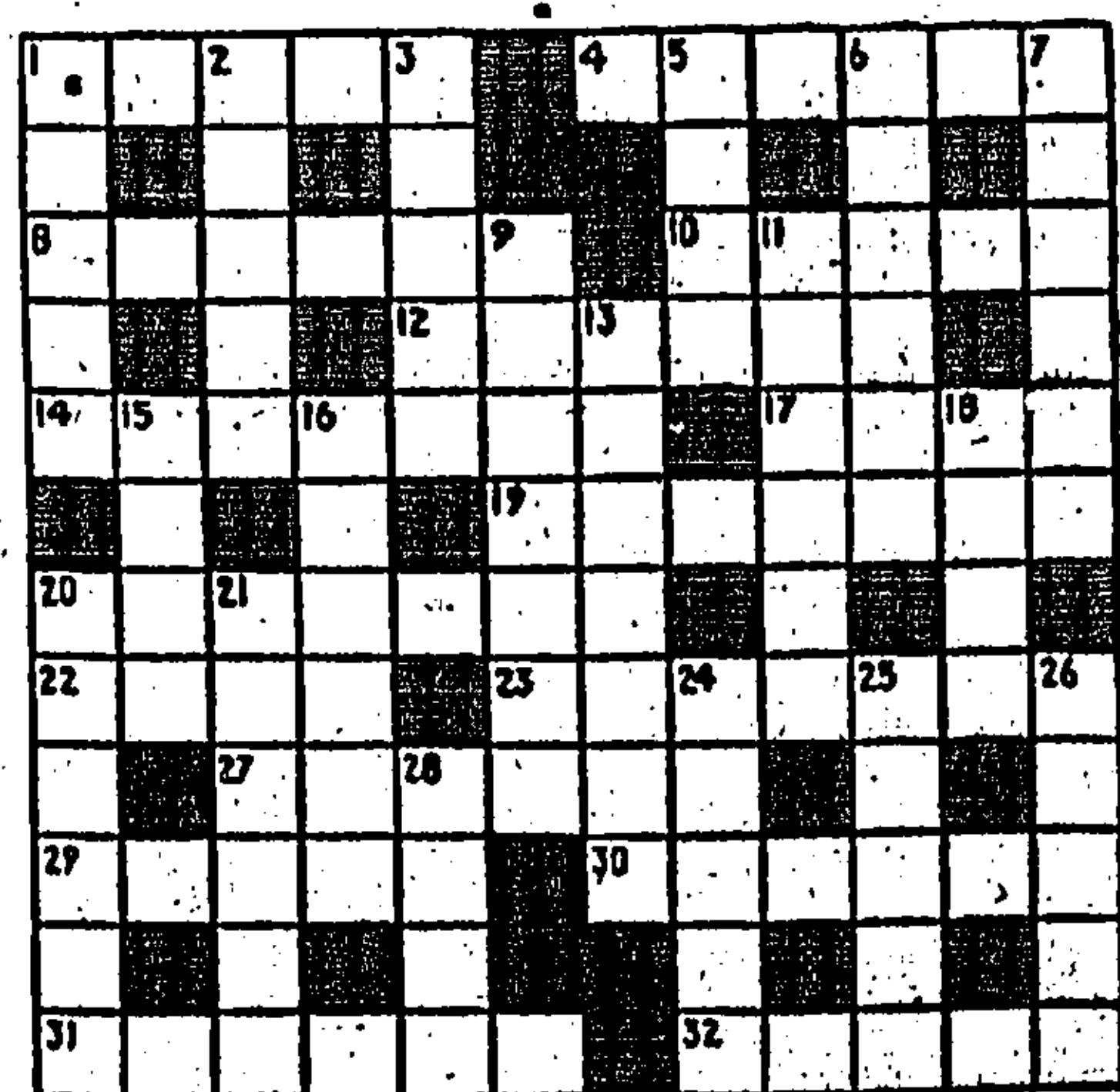
It was the second sortie from the fortified outpost in two days. Some 70 men garrisoning the Vanding post in the Red River delta, which was taken by the Vietnamese two days ago, have succeeded in reaching the French lines.

French and local forces today occupied the recently evacuated Phang Tho post, north of Lai Chau, capital of the mountainous Thai country in northwest Indo-China, the agency added.—Reuter.

Vienna, Dec. 22.  
Corporation inspectors calling to inspect gas meters in Russian occupied buildings in Vienna are blindfolded and watched by an armed guard before being allowed inside, an Austrian City Councilor said today.

The Councilor said the Russians paid neither gas nor electricity bills and owed the city more than £280,000 for these services.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS  
1 Noblemen (5).  
4 Raspered (5).  
8 Deprived of sensation (6).  
10 Colour (5).  
12 Ransom (6).  
14 Extreme (7).  
17 Kernal (4).  
19 Ruler (7).  
20 Discourse (7).  
22 Consumer (4).  
24 Scars (7).  
27 Be contrite (6).  
29 Show submission (5).  
30 Scales (5).  
31 Take out (6).  
32 Give permanent income to (5).
- DOWN  
1 Boredom (5).  
2 Send (5).  
3 Severe (5).  
5 Anger (4).  
6 Quiver (5).  
7 Peril (5).  
9 Merit (7).  
11 Nook (6).  
13 Lovers (7).  
15 Votes against (4).  
16 Freedom of access (8).  
18 Register (4).  
20 Hild (6).  
21 Grain (6).  
24 Furloughed (5).  
26 Correct (6).  
28 Tendon (5).  
30 Scheme (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Pleasant, 3 Chum, 5 Dandelion, 7 Deep, 13 Fly, 14 Propose, 18 Tortured, 19 Trap, 21 Disperse, 23 Subside, 25 Band, 27 Settlers, Down: 1 Acid, 2 Hues, 4 Hues, 5 Acts, 6 Annual, 7 Tummy, 9 Diver, 10 Sever, 12 Error, 14 Avers, 16 Solid, 17 Stone, 18 Ticks, 20 Ambit, 21 Dial, 22 Bed, 23 noon, 24 Edgy.

## Eden Visit To Greece And Turkey

London, Dec. 22.  
Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, will visit Greece and Turkey next year at the invitation of the Greek and Turkish Governments, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed today.

The actual dates of the visits were not yet fixed but it was believed they would take place in the Spring.

Manahel Tito, Yugoslav Prime Minister, will visit Britain from March 23 to 25, and it was expected that Mr. Eden's visit to Greece and Turkey would follow shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

## Beefeaters' New Status

London, Dec. 22.  
The Beefeaters in the Tower of London broke into the Civil Service today.

For some time they have been Trade Unionists. Now, by agreement with the Ministry of Works, they become civil servants entitled to old-age pensions.

The pensions issue raised quite a problem because Beefeaters attain great age, and are inclined to stick to their jobs. It was finally decided that any of them now less than 65 years old should get a pension if they ever thought of retiring.

A Ministry statement said it was regretted that "one wonderful character" who is still showing off the dungeons to tourists, will not qualify for a pension in the unlikely event that he should tire of his work. He is 84.—Associated Press.

## Ben Gurion Forms New Government

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.  
The Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, announced today the composition of a new Israeli Government based on a coalition of three parties—Mapai, General Zionists and the Progressive Party.

Premier Gurion made the announcement in Parliament. He had tendered the resignation of his previous coalition government to President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi on Friday.

The new coalition allies, the Israel Labour Party (Mapai) and the free enterprise General Zionist Party, came to terms on Thursday on a programme forecasting a more liberal economic policy. It aims at stabilising prices and currency.

Premier Ben Gurion announced that for the first time Hebrew would be the official language of modern Israel, though the Arab minority would be able to use their own language.

In announcing the new Government's policy he stressed the paragraphs on the equality of all citizens and their freedom of speech and association.

The 20-point Government programme includes the strengthening of the defence forces, friendship with all countries and fostering the right of all Jews everywhere to immigrate to Israel.

STILL BROADER?  
The Premier deplored the existence of no fewer than 18 factions in the Knesset (National Assembly) eight of which numbered only one or two members.

Hinting that a still broader coalition government was possible, which might include the religious party, he said the Ministries of Ports, Religious Affairs and Social Welfare had not yet been assigned.

## NEW OIL APPROACH TO IRAN

London, Dec. 22.  
Mr. Loy Henderson, United States Ambassador, is to make an oil approach to Persia which Mr. Eden discussed last week with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. Mr. Henderson is due back in Teheran tomorrow.

Mr. Henderson was called to Washington for consultations. He is now on his way back to Persia by air.

The substance of the proposal for reopening oil negotiations with Persia is a plan for associating the major oil companies with the transport and marketing of Persian oil.

Mr. Eden reported to the Cabinet today the terms of the Anglo-American approach to Persia on the oil deadlock.

Following the Paris talks, it has been definitely decided that Britain, which is not in diplomatic relations with Persia, should not be associated with the first stage of Mr. Henderson's approach.

NOT AGREED  
It is known that Anglo-American agreement has not been reached on the attitude to be adopted by the two powers in all stages of the discussions with Persia which might follow. The main topic which Mr. Eden discussed with the Cabinet today was believed to be the later stages of the proposed changes with Persia on which Britain has not so far reached agreement with the United States.

A fundamental point of British policy is to secure effective compensation for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, whose concession in Persia has been curtailed by nationalisation, before agreeing to permit the sale of Persian oil in world markets.

Mr. Eden, who returned to London from Paris last Friday, is leaving for the country on Wednesday, with his wife for a few days Christmas holiday.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.  
The Welfare Ministry today announced that dysentery cases in Japan are expected to climb to nearly 110,000 cases this year.

The Ministry added that the prevalence of the disease is partly due to bacillus becoming immune to new medicines which are not administered correctly.—Reuter.

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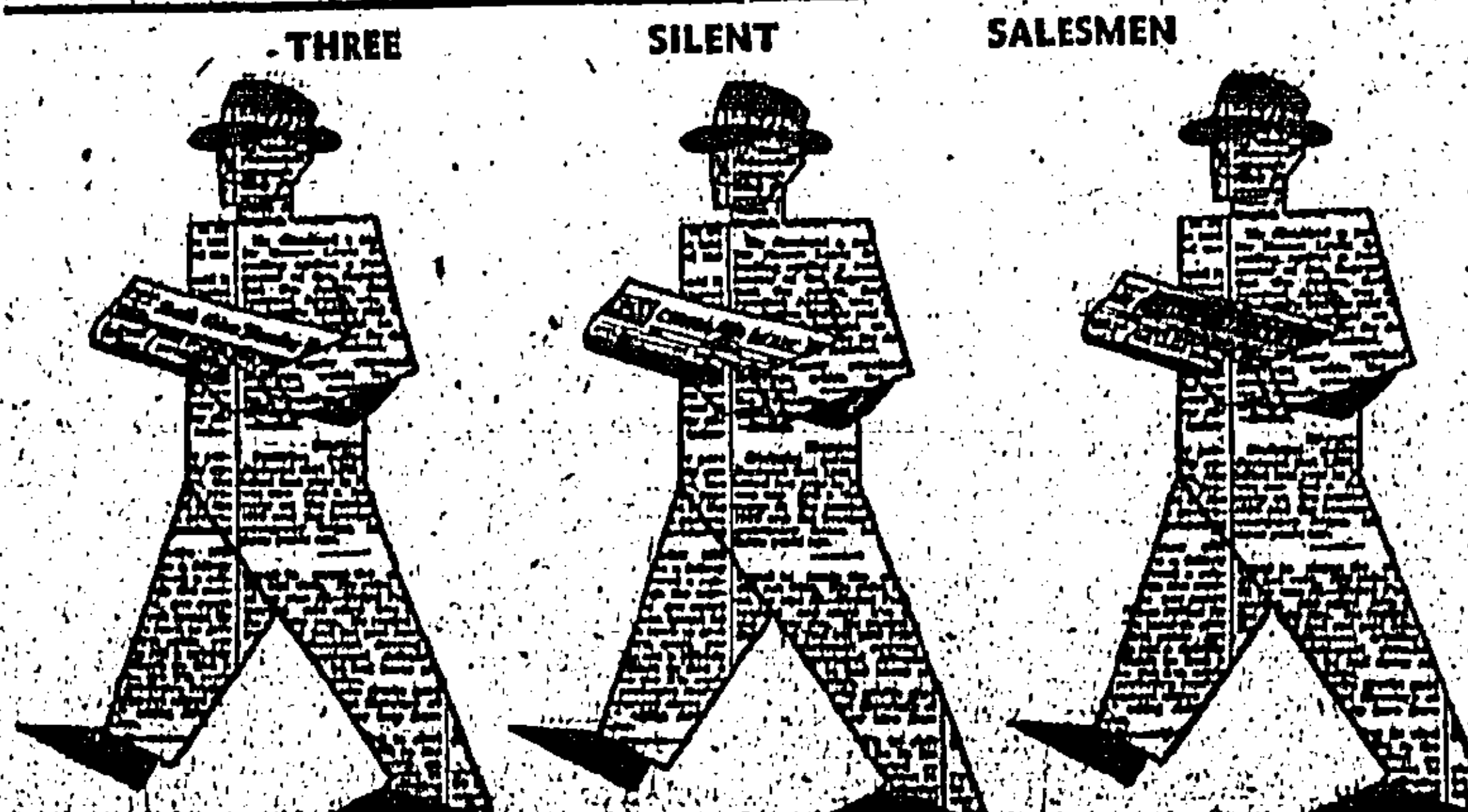
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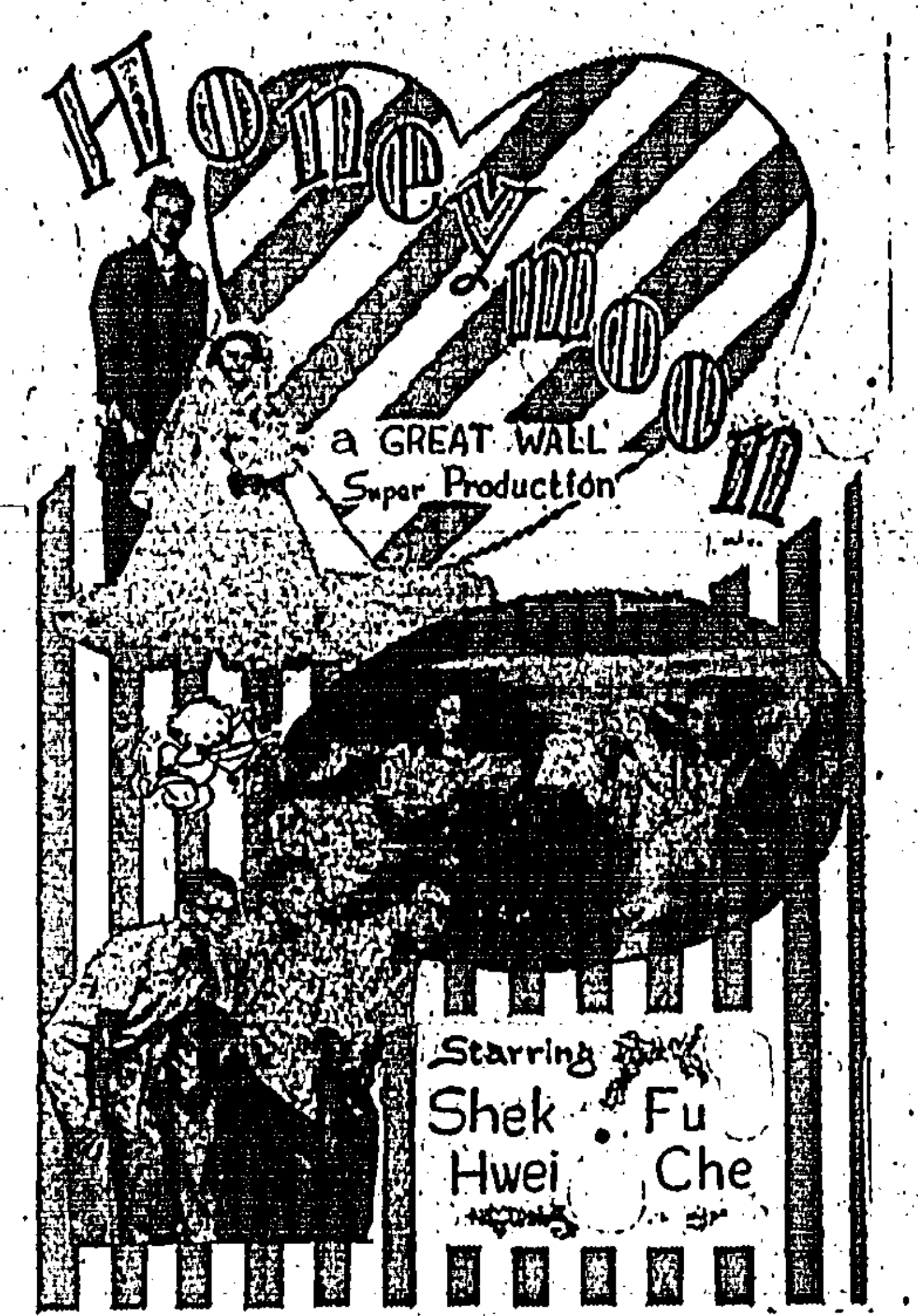
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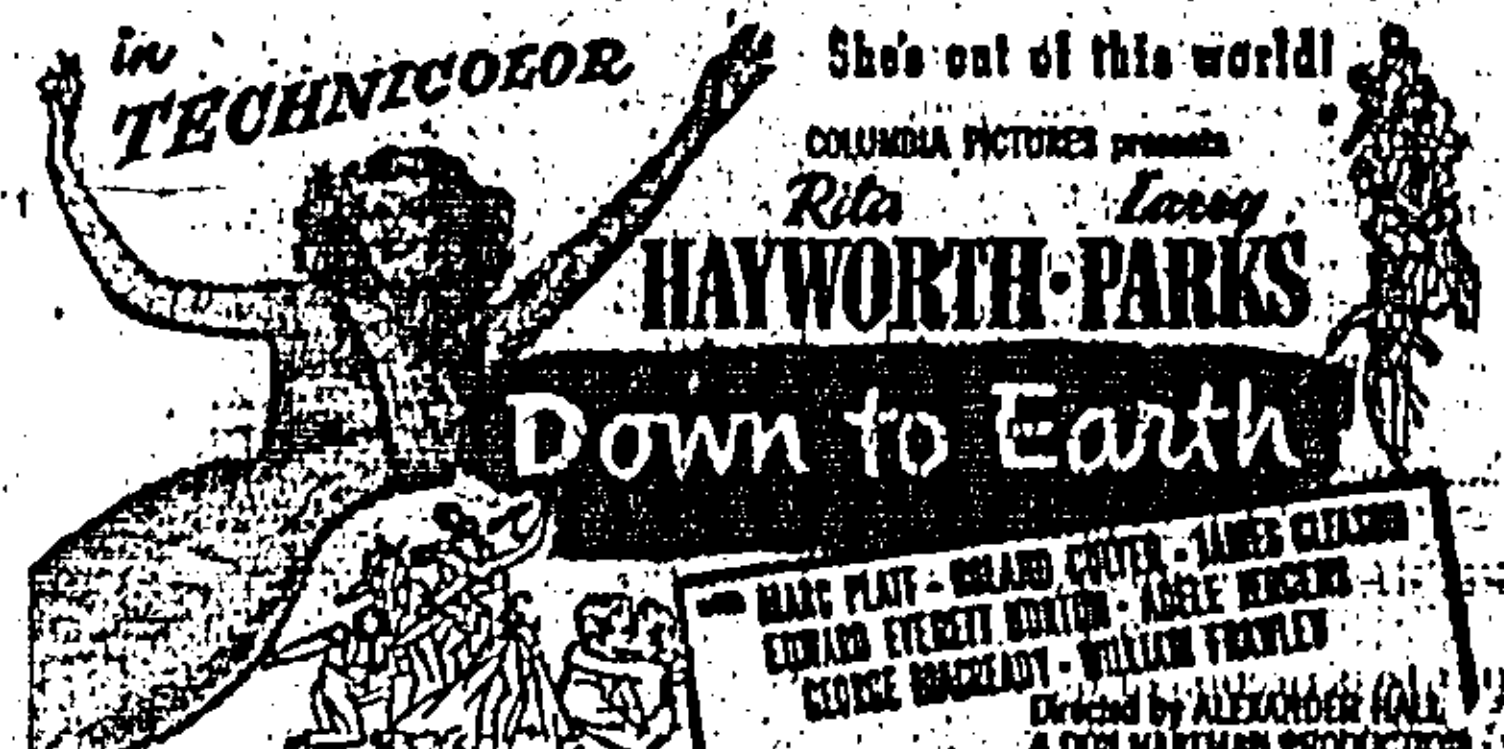
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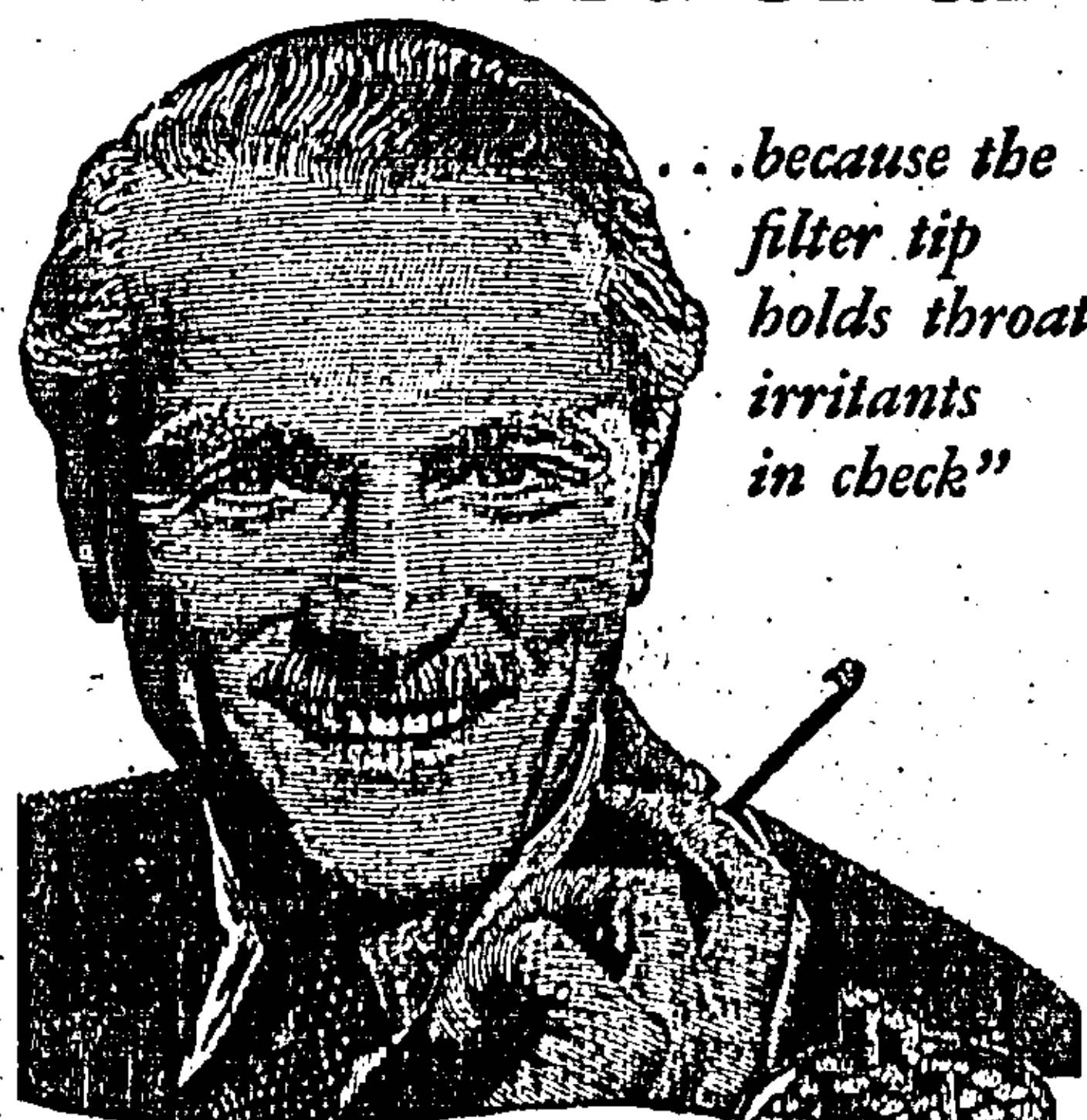
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## A FIVE-POINT PLAN TO PROTECT FIGHTERS

# Keep Death Out Of The Ring

Says **BERNARD EATON**

Within a month of one another Honore Pratesi, French flyweight, and Leonard Davidson, amateur featherweight, died after fights in British rings.

This brings the death toll among boxers in Britain in the past five years to the total of 14 and in the western world as a whole to 70.

Reluctantly—reviewing these figures—I am coming down on the side of Dr. Edith Summerskill and the angels in stating that boxing is the most dangerous, and possibly the most lethal, sport in the world.

Certainly it is the only sport where the aim is to batter an opponent into a state of insensibility or so to impair him physically that it is impossible for the contest to continue.

And an official organ of the American Medical Association states categorically that boxing has produced more deaths per number of participants than any other sport.

But much more far-reaching than death is the mental and physical condition among boxers known to the boxing fraternity as "slap happy," "slag nutty," "cutting paper dolls" or "not having enough brains to have a headache."

The amount of punch drunkenness among amateur and professional boxers is immeasurable—but according to doctors familiar with the problem 50 per cent of active fighters are punch-drunk to some degree.

And Britain's medical journal, the Lancet, states that 5 per cent are "punchy"—after only five years in the ring and 60 per cent develop mental and emotional changes.

## DAMAGE TO BRAIN

The Lancet further states that it is probable that no head blow is taken with impunity and that each knock-out causes definite and irreparable damage to the brain.

An unknown number of the victims of punch-drunkness end their lives in mental hospitals, state doctors, and the rest spend their lives in a mental twilight from which there is no reprieve.

For punch drunkenness is the result of many blows to the head which permanently damage the brain. The damage is caused because when a punch lands the brain hits the skull and minute haemorrhages form.

In the case of Davidson the haemorrhage was large. Edgeware Hospital's pathologist stated that it had formed between the brain and the skull.

Normally these haemorrhages heal and tiny scars take their place. But each scar means the loss of a certain number of brain cells and when this process is carried on over a period of years the effects can be disastrous.

## TRAGIC EFFECTS

And the effects are often tragic.

Don Fontaine, Canadian middleweight, was notorious in the boxing world as an extreme "punchy."

Charged with killing his fiancée he pleaded insanity on these grounds.

He was hanged, but his doctor's report clearly showed that his central nervous system had been affected.

And stories of boxers who remember nothing after the earliest stages of a fight are legion.

It even happened to champion Jack Dempsey.

He once fought on successfully after taking a blow to the chin, but remembered nothing of the fight after that and did not know he had won until he was told the result in his dressing room.

Leeds To Give Leslie Driffeld Civic Reception

London, Dec. 22. Leslie Driffeld, the 39-year-old World, English and All-India Amateur Billiards Champion, arrived home in Leeds this afternoon. He had reached London by air from India on Sunday.

Driffeld was met in Leeds by his three young daughters to whom he had given a promise to return in time to act as Father Christmas. He is to be given a civic reception—France-Press.

## ARCHIE MOORE READY TO MEET TURPIN

New York, Dec. 22. Archie Moore's manager officially notified the State Athletic Commission here today that the newly-crowned Lightweight Champion, Charles Turpin, is ready to defend his title against Andy Turpin at the Madison Square Garden, New York, on March 1, 1933.

One expert states that every champion will have experienced this once or twice—at least in his career.

## THREE DAYS LOST

Such cases of temporary loss of memory have occurred even among University students, who box under carefully controlled conditions and with many safeguards.

One student boarded a train after a bout and travelled 100 miles before he recalled who he was. Others have noticed difficulty in concentration and loss of interest in intellectual matters.

Concern about this "punchy" state caused Finnish doctors of the Red Cross to examine eight Finnish amateur boxers with an electro-encephalograph—the machine which measures brain waves.

In only one case were the electrical brain waves normal. Defenders of boxing may quote the case of Gene Tunney, who reached the heights, but kept a keen intellect.

Yet Tunney "hung up his gloves" because after a bout with a sparring partner he remembered nothing until the

following morning and could not recall the names of his most intimate friends for three days.

In the past 18 months the British Boxing Board of Control has fathered a scheme which, they say, commands the admiration of the boxing authorities of New York State.

After four losing bouts a fighter's licence is reviewed and can be suspended; questions about a fighter's health have to be answered by a doctor before he can get a licence; signs of punch drunkenness are watched for by all boxing officials.

The Board estimate that 100 licences have been suspended permanently in 18 months and that their scheme is as near fool-proof as possible.

This scheme seems to me to be an admirable move in the right direction. But two other progressive steps have been blocked by boxing authorities.

A proposal by the medical sub-committee of the Boxing Board that the age limit for boxers' licences be raised from 16 to 18 years was defeated at a meeting of licence holders last year.

This proposal was based on the fact that young people are particularly vulnerable to brain damage because the membrane and supporting tissues of the brain are more delicate.

One astounding admission made during the argument was that many boxers who leave the amateur ranks after their 16th birthday were punch drunk.

Then at the annual general meeting of the Board in May another proposal by the Southern Area that a referee should have the power to invite a medical opinion of a fighter's condition during a bout was defeated.

## HORRIFIED PUBLIC

The editor of the British Medical Association's journal, Family Doctor, says that an international committee with medical correspondents in 60 countries is studying the whole problem by following the careers of certain boxers.

I shall not be satisfied until the committee have reported. For unless the rules are so tightened to preclude the tragedies of the ring, horrified public opinion may outlaw boxing for ever.

## THE PLAN

Here is my five-point plan to protect fighters:

1. To use electro-encephalographs for measuring brain waves to determine when a fighter has "had enough";

2. To set an age limit above which a fighter would not be allowed to become a professional; For unless the rules are so tightened to preclude the tragedies of the ring, horrified public opinion may outlaw boxing for ever.

3. To set a carefully-defined limit to the total number of years in which a man may engage in fighting;

4. To set up machinery which would ensure that no loopholes exist for any fighter, manager, or promoter to by-pass Points Two and Three.

5. To have doctors at the ringside with full power to overrule a referee's decision and stop the contest when they consider a boxer taking part is unfit to continue.

## Henley Regatta Dates Set

London, Dec. 22. The 1933 Henley Royal Regatta is to be held from July 1 to 4, it was announced by the Regatta Stewards tonight.

The Queen has consented to become patron of the Regatta.—Reuter.



London Express Service

## ARMY WINS SMALL BORE SHOOT

The Army's "A" Team again won the Secretary's Shield for the third time in succession last Sunday at the Hongkong Gun Club Small Bore Range, New Territories.

The Army's "A" had a few of the old hands in the Small Bore Shoot; they have been working very hard, the team was well captained and they deserved to win. However, the standard of the shooting on the whole was very poor compared with the scores of the previous shoot in September. This may have been due to lighting conditions, which were very bad throughout.

The results were as follows:—

1. Army's "A" Team 1129 points
2. Hong Kong Police 1119
3. Royal Air Force 1110
4. Royal HK Defence Force 1108
5. Hong Kong Gun Club 1103
6. Army's "B" Team 1078
7. The Royal Navy 1036

At the conclusion of the meet, the Challenge Shield was presented by Mr. Wong Eor, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle Association, to Maj. A. Bell, Captain of the Army's "A" team. During the interval, luncheon was served to all participating members through the courtesy of the Hongkong Gun Club.

At 2.30 p.m., the selected teams fired for the 32nd Annual Inter-Colonial Pistol Matches, 1932. A team of eight fired in the Aperture Sight event and another eight fired in the Open Sight event. The highest individual scores returned by the Hong Kong team were 100 and 99 out of a possible 100.

Results follow:—

1. The Aperture Sight Team, Total Aggregate 1,223 points.
  2. The Open Sight Team, Total Aggregate 1,243 points.
- Four members were selected to fire for the 32nd Annual Inter-Colonial Pistol Matches, 1932. The Hong Kong team returned the highest individual score of 100 points out of a possible 100. The Hong Kong team returned a total score of 1,223 points out of a possible 1,280, which was a very poor score. The next competitor was from the Chinese—Associated Press.

## THE DUKE AT HARRINGAY



The Duke of Edinburgh was at Harringay Arena, London, on the night of December 11 for the boxing tournament in aid of the National Playing Fields Association.

Photo shows the Duke congratulating Sammy McCarthy on his victory over Clayton.

## GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

## Johnny Williams Is Off To The U.S. Again—But Needs More Fights This Time

Heavyweight Champion Johnny Williams, winner by means of a fifth-round knock-out at Harringay over the German-born giant from Luxemburg, Werner Wiegand, is off to the United States again in the New Year.

Manager Ted Broadbent, having repeated in dressing-room pantomime the right cross with which Wiegand was knocked into a heap, considers our Champion can still use the experience to be gained from meeting second-class American heavyweights.

I agree—but not if the trip is to mean just one fight against a fifth-rater, which is what happened last time. Williams is certainly not yet ready for argument with Rocky Marciano, but swallowing tiddlers is no way to advance your cause on the U.S. fight market.

Williams's display against the big loose-limbed Wiegand consisted of four rounds of necessary, but rather hesitant, preparation for 30 seconds of real excitement.

## THAT RIGHT CROSS

Just as the customers were beginning to get restive at Williams's hit-and-run examination of Wiegand's ponderous and ill-directed swings, Johnny cut loose with a magnificent right cross to the jaw.

Wiegand crumpled, sought salvation in a clumsy punch or two, and then, after limo. 11sec. of the fifth round, was knocked flat by consecutive left hooks to the body and chin.

## MCARTHYY'S WIN

Prince Philip, obviously enjoying himself at the ringside, is among those who agreed with referee Davidson's verdict that made young Sammy McCarthy a clear but close points winner over Featherweight Champion Ronnie Clayton.

I agreed, too—and got black looks when, on request, I gave my opinion in Clayton's dressing-room.

McCarthy certainly back-pedalled, but the back-peddalling was designed to prevent Clayton getting to work at close quarters—and I consider the strategy both justified and successful.

Clayton's bobbing and weaving defence set McCarthy many problems, but most of them were solved by an always active and nearly always accurate left hand.

## GOOD POLICY

In some ringside quarters, McCarthy was criticised for not

using his right often enough. I commend its sparing use. Better to create or await an opening than to sling indiscriminate right-handers in the hope that they hit something.

Clayton, who had McCarthy down for "eight" with a right to the chin in round five, was certainly the boss "inside"—but he failed to get inside often enough. By his constant countering, even on the retreat, McCarthy won four of the 10 rounds on my card. I marked three for Clayton, three even.

## WHAT A SURPRISE

Charles Thompson (London Bridge) writes: "What a surprise to find Jack Hobbs selecting Johnny Douglas of Essex as the best bowler he ever played against—all the great bowlers from Rhodes to Laswood."

Comment: A surprise indeed. Hobbs recalled for me how Douglas could swing the new ball either way, and how he, Hobbs, had had the utmost difficulty in spotting one from the other.

Hobbs added: "If poor old Johnny were alive today, he would say I was the luckiest man in the world to have got runs off him."

J. D. P. Saint (New Malden) writes: "I was born the same day as Jack Hobbs, and your article on his 70th birthday made me feel young again. My only complaint is that you did not mention Hobbs's inspired fielding at cover-point."

Comment: Sorry, Hobbs, with characteristic modesty, skims lightly over his fielding prowess—but points to a scared third finger on his left hand. He injured it, he told me, when he dropped a "bally" in the long field off the great Walter Brearley at Old Trafford.

## BY GEORGE...

Cricketing in a strong wind in Western Australia, the players agreed that the balls be affixed to the stumps with chewing gum. When a ball hit the wicket of Wally Langdon, Western Australia captain, a ball was dis-

lodged, but remained in mid-air on the end of a piece of the gum. Langdon was told to continue his innings. Who's stretching it? —(London Express Service)

## RHKCC Junior Championship

Mr. W. S. Vaughan led the list of qualifiers for the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club with the excellent score of 181 for 39 holes.

Mr. R. D. Bell and Mr. J. Dickson Leach were joint runners-up with 168. Fifty-eight players participated in the competition which was played on Sunday.

Individual scores of the 19 leaders follow:

	O.C.	N.C.	T.
W. S. Vaughan	84	77	161
J. Dickson Leach	84	84	168
R. D. Bell	85	80	165
R. R. Coombe	87	82	169
A. R. de Pinna	87	87	174
R. Foster	88	83	171
D. R. Ryde	89	81	170
J. L. MacIntyre	84	80	170
F. Moodie	86	85	171
W. O. Crundden	88	84	172
J. R. Leitch	90	84	174
T. R. MacLean	92	84	176
J. Lambert	92	87	179
A. G. Dunn	90	87	177
R. R. Davies	88	90	178
R. G. L. Olliphant	88	93	181
P. de Jong	87	92	179
J. L. Neve	88	91	179
J. O. Fole-Hunt	88	91	179

The last named 16 qualified for the match play stages of the Junior Championship. R. G. L. Olliphant qualified owing to his return of 18 for the Old Course.

The following is the draw for the first round, which is scheduled to be played on January 4, 1933.

R. R. Davies vs. A. R. de Pinna; R. D. Bell vs. T. R. MacLean; J. Lambert vs. W. O. Crundden; W. S. Vaughan vs. R. R. Coombe; R. Dickson Leach vs. R. Foster; A. G. Dunn vs. D. R. Ryde; P. de Jong vs. J. L. Neve; J. O. Fole-Hunt vs. R. R. Davies.

## STARTING TIMES

Members wishing to reserve starting times during the holidays please notify the club of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club before 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24.

## THE GAMBOLS



## WHAT IS IT?



## I SHOULD HAVE LET YOU



## NO, NO, YOU MUSTN'T LET IT





## Ill-Behaved Soccer Spectators Liable To Be Expelled

The League Management Committee of the Hongkong Football Association decided at a meeting yesterday that in future hand-bills and posters be printed warning spectators that under the rules of the Association they were liable to expulsion if guilty of improper or insulting behaviour to the referee or players during a match.

Mr J. C. Gulingham presided at the meeting. The Committee also dealt with a letter from Mr L. J. Channing regarding a protest which was lodged by the South China Athletic Association in connection with the Senior Challenge Shield soccer match against the Hongkong Police at Boundary Street, on December 7 and which ended in a draw.

The Committee decided to refer Mr Channing's letter to the Emergency Committee to deal with at the same time as the South China protest.

### GOVERNOR'S CUP

The Hongkong Football Association's team against the Hongkong Chinese Football Association for the Governor's Cup match on January 1 was also selected.

The team follows: Deacon (Army), Armstrong (Club), Barnicle (RAF), Adonis (Army), Anderson (Club, Captain), Santos (St Joseph's), Hunt (Army), McGregor (RAF), Gardner (Club), McDonald (Club), Osborne (Army). Reserves: Williams (Army), Carrillo (St Joseph's), Honniball (Sling Tao), Kim Kyu-kuwan (Kwong Wah), Pereira (St Joseph's) and Jayes (RAF). Team Manager: Mr L. F. de Souza.

The meeting also arranged that the Senior Shield match between Sling Tao and Kwong Wah, originally fixed for Saturday, January 3, on the Navy ground, be played on Sunday, January 4, on the Club ground, and that the Kowloon Motor Bus versus South China match fixed for that day be played on

the following Tuesday or Thursday, also on the Club ground. Mr B. M. Omar, Secretary of the HKFA, expressed his appreciation for the wholehearted co-operation which had been given by Mr J. R. Henderson of the Hongkong Football Club's rugby section regarding allocation of the Club ground for football matches on certain dates and arranging rugby fixtures which would assist the Association in its predicament over the shortage of grounds.

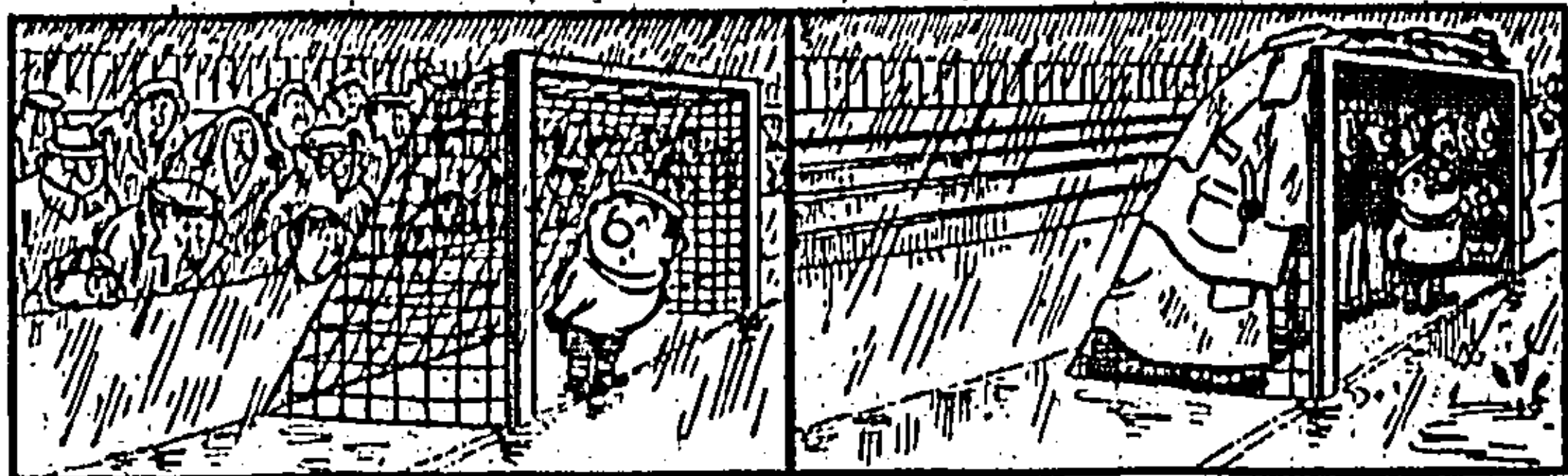
**SPECIAL GATE**  
At an Inter-Club Sub-Committee meeting of the HKFA, presided over by Mr C. S. Wang, it was decided to arrange for the pre-sale of tickets to the Press and to open a special gate for schoolboys and Servicemen during the Austrian visit over the Chinese New Year holidays.

A letter from Mr Wolf Leyberg, who is in charge of the Austrian team, said that January 28, which was suggested as the date for the fourth match on the return of the Austrian team from Macao, was unsuitable. Mr Leyberg suggested other dates which were found unsuitable by the Association, and it was therefore decided to cancel the proposed fourth game.

At a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA, held under the chairmanship of Mr A. McAlpine, an appeal of review of sentences imposed on three China Motor Bus Sports Club players last season was considered. It was decided that the three players, Mok Yul-chol, Ho Yachi and Yuen Fu-hing, could play again as from January 1, 1953.

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## Moves Have Started To Lure Stanley Matthews Back To His Home Town Club

By ALAN HOBY

A bid has been made to get Stanley Matthews, probably the greatest winger of all time, back to Stoke City, the club which "discovered" him as a schoolboy 22 years ago.

Stoke, who sold Matthews to Blackpool in 1947, asked whether they would consider transferring him back.

Worried by the threat of relegation and falling gates, Stoke have wanted their old star for some time. After their home match with Blackpool, they came out with a firm offer.

This offer, I can reveal, was NOT turned down. Blackpool said they would discuss it at their next board meeting. "We want time to think it over," they said.

### MORALE BOOSTER

Stoke manager Frank Taylor told me: "We feel that the return of Matthews would bolster the morale of the boys and help to push the side up the League table. 'He has always been popular in Stoke, even though we let him go to Blackpool after the war. I am certain he would do his old club a power of good.'"

Mr Taylor said the fee Stoke suggested was "a decent one. Naturally they told us they had received big offers for Matthews from time to time."

"We hope they will give us sympathetic treatment." So the greatest football entertainer I have ever seen—the man who has played 64 times for England—may make a sentimental journey back to the smoky Potteries town where he became a "household name."

### HYSTERIA

It was 14 years ago—in 1938—that Matthews first tried to leave Stoke. He caused a sensation by asking for a transfer.

Within a few hours of the headlines declaring that Matthews was "not happy," seven leading industrialists got together and decided to call a public protest meeting.

Soon every hoarding seemed to bear "Stanley Matthews must not go!" bills. Hysteria swept the Potteries.

The whole city stopped working until the matter was adjusted to everyone's satisfaction and Matthews decided to stay.

### SURPRISED

Finally the Master did quit the club where he signed as professional at the age of 17 after joining the ground staff straight from school.

And what does he say about the possibility of his return? He contacted Matthews and told him the news. "There have been rumours that I would return to Stoke," he said. "They have been going on ever since I left for Blackpool. Are you sure this is not just another?"

I told him this was fact. He said that if the deal did go through, he would be willing to go back to help his old club.

## All-India Tennis Championships

Calcutta, Dec. 22. Britain's Tony Mottram secured No. 1 in the Singles event of the All-India Lawn Tennis Championships here, had an easy passage into the second round today, defeating P. C. Mehta 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

Mottram was not extended and sailed through comfortably. Britain's 21-year-old Colin Hannam impressed in his first appearance today, defeating Khalid Saigal, 6-0, 6-0 in the first round. Hannam, playing a hard game, carried a powerful service.

Later, partnered by India's Edward Abrecht, he won his Men's Doubles second round match, beating Subban and Shivarao, 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Mottram is expected to meet India's No. 2, Nareth Kumar, in the semi-final. He is also paired with Mrs. Mottram to win the Mixed Doubles. Associated Press.

## COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Colony Squash Championships will begin on January 12. Entries will close on January 8. Entry forms are available from the Hongkong Cricket Club and United Services Club.

## BADMINTON LEAGUE

In the "C" Division Badminton League "match" played yesterday, Tylam beat Hongkong University by 7 matches to two.

The results were:  
Singles: Ko Wai-bong beat S. K. Leong 15-8; beat B. Dhabher 15-11; U. Sei Lap beat Leong 15-5; beat Dhabher 15-10; C. H. Wong beat Gilbert 15-8.  
Doubles: Ko Wai-bong and U. Sei Lap lost to Leong and Dhabher 15-21; beat G. Tye and Tony Goh 21-8; Pippo Arculli and C. H. Wong lost to Leong and Dhabher 15-21; beat Tye and Goh 21-3.

## H.K. BEAT JAPAN AT TABLE TENNIS

Hongkong beat the Japanese table tennis stars 5-4 in a series of exhibition matches at the Chinese YMCA, Bridges Street, last night.

The Japanese players took part in the recent Asian Championships at Singapore.

Results:  
Fu Chi-long beat Hagashi 2-0; Si Shu-chor beat Satoh 2-0; Chung Chin-shing beat Tsunoda 2-0; Hayashi beat Si Shu-chor 2-1; Tsunoda beat Fu Chi-long 2-1; Chung Chin-shing beat Satoh 2-0; Tsunoda beat Shu-chor 2-0; Hayashi beat Chung Chin-shing 2-0; Fu Chi-long beat Satoh 2-0.

## HKFA Dinner

## Sir Arthur Morse Appeals For Loyalty To The Association

Play the game, play it well, play it hard but play it fair was advice given by the Hon. Sir Arthur Morse as President of the Hongkong Football Association at a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

The occasion was the Association's annual dinner to Players, Referees and the Press—a large gathering which also heard Sir Arthur appeal to members to give their loyalty to the Association.

Sir Arthur began his speech with a tribute to "Our Players" and his remarks that "we all realize that men who have played 64 times for England—may make a sentimental journey back to the smoky Potteries town where he became a 'household name.'"

But he would like to add, Sir Arthur said, that players should realize and fully appreciate that they owed a great deal to the administrators. The Hongkong Football Association controlled the game and ran it in the interests of all concerned. He thought it was not fully appreciated or realized how much depended on having a strong central body not subjected to all sorts of interests or trying to get certain things through to suit certain individuals.

### THE FIRST DUTY

Clubs must realize, Sir Arthur continued, that they were represented on the Football Association's Council and that it was there that there should be open and clear discussions of all questions. One of the things which had disappointed him had been the failure of people to see and realize the functions of the Association.

Sir Arthur said that he would not be long in the Colony and if there was one thing he would like to say to players and club officials he would say that they should regard as their first duty loyalty to the Association (Applause).

"Unless we can depend on that loyalty of members of the Association I see no real future for football in Hongkong," Sir Arthur declared.

He appealed to them to be loyal to the Association, to abide by its decision and to remember that its men were working in an honorary capacity, that they had no axe to grind and that their interest was the interest of football in the Colony.

Sir Arthur said that in this Colony there had been produced some extremely fine players and a great number of players worthy to be called real footballers. Unfortunately there had not been produced the same number of self-officiating officials.

### SCHOOL FOOTBALL

He appealed to those players who were now passing the stage when they could take an active interest in the game and perform on the field to the delight of the crowd, to acquire that attitude of mind when they would say to themselves "in

the past men of the best have taken an interest in us. We in the future will take an interest in the rising generation of footballers."

It was a fact that men who had so often been applauded by the crowd did not, when they hung up their boots, usually retire to play into a second or third team and in doing so "do their stuff" in teaching and showing the younger players how to play.

Men who are prepared to do that deserve a greater honour than if they were playing the game themselves. Sir Arthur said he had been told that Messrs Lai Shiu-wing, Fung King-cheung, Tam Kong-pak, Chan Kwan-shui, Armstrong, and Hau Yung-ang were taking a very great interest in local school football. It was in schoolboy football that the future of the game in Hongkong lay.

Sir Arthur said that he had always admired local schoolboy football and the spirit in which it was played. He felt it was a fact that there were a very few school footballers here, but it was really deplorable the way some fell from grace as soon as they left school. They entered the Association football. Why could they not remember the lessons they had learnt in school, why could they not remember to play the game as a team and to abide all tactics which would not be tolerated by any decent person? Either by temperament or temper some really disgraced themselves on the football ground. May be the young could be taught that doubtful tactics were an exhibition of doubtful character.

### THANKS EXPRESSED

Sir Arthur then said that there were a great many people to whom the Football Association owed a great deal for the success of football in Hongkong. He said that for many years, had a very difficult job to perform and he must say that they performed it extremely well. The Police had a great tradition behind them, and it was up to their representatives to see that that same tradition was carried on to the field of play.

Turning to referees, Sir Arthur said that they were the ones which took command of the game, yet they were the people who got very little credit. They were nevertheless doing a splendid job of work.

Sir Arthur said he would particularly like to mention those referees who were giving up so much of their time which could be spent in leisure and giving so much of their attention to refereeing schoolboy matches.

"More power to them and more credit to them," Sir Arthur said, and ended his speech with a round of applause.

"I wish you all in the future the best of good luck," Sir Arthur concluded. "Play the game, play it well, play it hard but play it fair."

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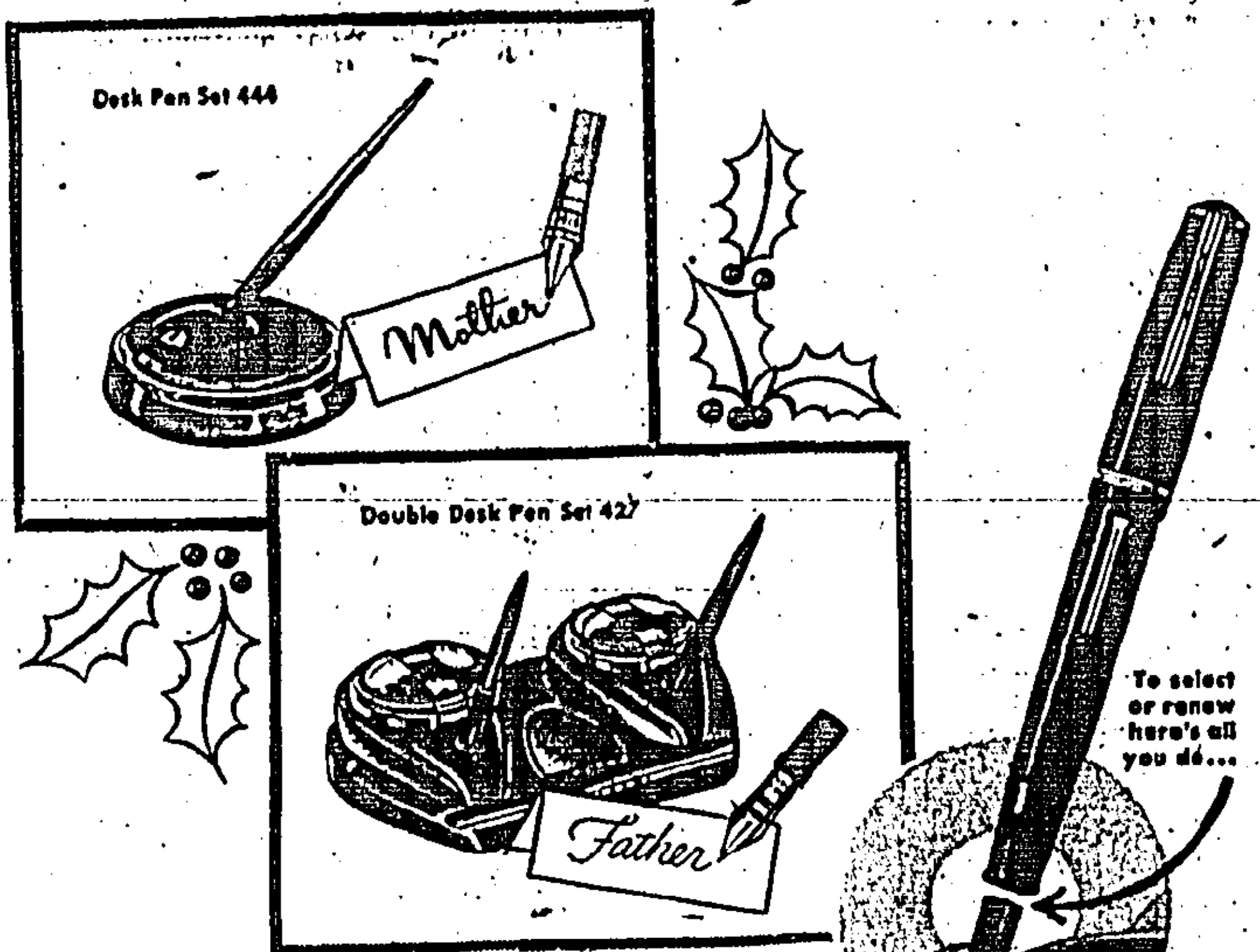
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U.S. Control Law  
Has Backfired

Washington, Dec. 22. The export control law curb on trade with the iron curtain countries has backfired on American cotton producers and has hurt them more than Russia, as informed government source said today.

Officials studying the situation pointed out that Russia and her satellites, including Red China, normally buy up to 1,000,000 bales of U.S. cotton annually. This year American shipments are running at less than half of last year's rate. Sale of another 1,000,000 bales would save U.S. growers from a looming surplus.

Officials pointed out that the iron curtain nations have absolutely free access to other cotton sources, chiefly Pakistan and Egypt. In addition, Russia herself supplies much of the cotton for her Eastern European puppets either from the Soviet crop or by reselling imports.

"Even if we assume that the Communist countries are not getting all the cotton they need," one official said, "the only difficulty would be the price issue. And with the slacker world demand, other countries have become anxious sellers at prices generally below the U.S. prices."

Government experts arrived at their conclusions even after discounting the fantastically high production estimated from Red China and Russia. The Red government has announced that the output in China in this past season hit about 4,500,000 bales, and 5,500,000 in Russia.

American officials, using mill consumption figures and reports from Embassy experts, say that the China crop was nearer

2,800,000 bales and Russia's closer to 3,800,000. The depressed international cotton market stems from the built-up in importers' stocks which followed the heavy buying after the outbreak of the Korean war. Demand was so strong then that export restrictions were imposed on the short 1950 American crop.

When the 1951 crop came in, the curbs, except for the ban on iron curtain shipments, were removed. The falling-off of demand this year has posed serious problems for U.S. producers. There were reports that the Government would advise them to cut acreage considerably next year or face planting restrictions in 1954.

This year's crop is estimated at 15,038,000 bales. Foreign and domestic buyers are expected to take only about 14,000,000 bales. This means that more than 1,000,000 bales will be left over at the end of the season on August 1, 1953 to be added to the 2,700,000 on hand from the previous carry-overs.

The Cotton Producers Committee has been working to remedy the situation. It has proposed a programme for voluntary acreage reduction next year and is urging the Government to push sales to countries participating in the mutual security programme.

—United Press.

## JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 22. Japanese bonds (4% of 1950) 84  
" " (4% of 1951) 77 1/2  
" " (4% of 1952) 73 1/2  
" " (4% of 1953) 108  
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Couples 108 1/2-12/10  
—United Press.

Sell More To  
The U.S.

Washington, Dec. 22. In the third quarter of this year, foreign countries sold substantially more to the United States than they bought here, continuing the trend of the second quarter.

Transactions with the U.S., the Department of Commerce said today, enabled foreign countries to earn \$700,000,000 more than they spent here in the July-August-September quarter.

Altogether, in the last two quarters, foreign countries have sold \$1,100,000,000 more to the U.S. than they have bought from this country.

—Associated Press.

TOY BOOM  
IN U.S.

New York, Dec. 22. A "baby boom" in the U.S. is sparking a toy boom in Christmas trade. Stores report sales 25 per cent ahead of last season's. Much of the business is in imports.

The toy manufacturers of the U.S., representing the trade, said it is having its hands full supplying the nation's millions of children. It estimates there are now 15,000,000 youngsters in the five to nine-year bracket and that 3,500,000 babies have been born every year since 1940.

Word from most manufacturers is that they are working from two to three shifts a day, at a time when normally almost all the year's production would have been shipped. One estimate was that 100,000 different toys are on the market this year. Two that were reported in popular demand: a German-made, remote-controlled mechanical jeep, selling for \$2.99, and a Japanese-made \$3.49 model of a B-50 bomber. Said the Wall Street Journal: "They're outselling anything similar by domestic producers."

—Associated Press.

Canadian Dollar  
Difficulties

Ottawa, Dec. 22. The financial world paid homage to the Canadian dollar in the year now drawing to a close. For the first time in 18 years it climbed from a discount to a premium, becoming the world's most powerful currency.

But pride in that achievement turned into embarrassment for the Canadian Government and for a big segment of the Canadian population.

Many Canadian businessmen argued that Canada, which depended so heavily on foreign markets for prosperity, simply could not afford an expensive dollar.

The premium on the dollar, which rose to a 100-year high of more than four cents during August and September, gave exporters the opportunity of paying less for foreign imports. But exporters complained of considerable hardship. The premium tended to increase the price of Canada's exports and cut into Canada's ability to compete for foreign markets.

It was a case of exporters increasing the price of their goods or absorbing the premium as an extra cost. Many exporters remained undecided. No one was certain how long the premium trend would last. Some believed it would be short-lived. It was not until the year drew to a close, the premium shrank to less than two cents, but then it bounced back to more than three cents.

PRODUCERS COMPLAIN  
In British Columbia, lumber producers complained that the high-living dollar was cutting into their ability to compete in the American market. The British Columbia Government demanded that the Federal Government do something about it.

In a Vancouver speech, Finance Minister Abbott replied that there was not much the Government could do. It would take millions and millions of Canadian dollars to buy up all the surplus American dollars apparently available in Canada.

There was not that kind of money available in the Federal Treasury. As it was the Government had invested more Canadian dollars in American securities but not to any extent to push the exchange rate down sharply.

As for fixing of an exchange rate, Mr. Abbott observed in his Vancouver speech: "At some future time, conditions may develop in which it would be appropriate to take this step."

"But I tell you frankly," he said, "the decisions involved in setting or changing rates of exchange are very worrying ones to make."

Changes cannot be made without seriously causing pain to some groups and giving financial benefits to others."

—Associated Press.

Optimistic Feeling  
Over Business  
Prospects In U.S.

New York, Dec. 22. A record Christmas business appeared assured this past week for the retail storekeeper. Again shoppers spent more money than in any other comparable pre-holiday week.

As shoppers spent liberally, money in circulation reached an all-time peak for the fourth week in a row.

Industrial production hit the high spots too, and prosperity was predicted by many economists even after the defence spending begins to taper off.

Year-end statements were almost unanimous in their optimism for the months ahead. Everyone was talking good business. The only differences came on how good.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics reported factory employment in November (the latest figure available) was the highest since World War II.

The Bureau reported there were 36,000 more manufacturing jobs than in October and the total was 16,829,000.

The significance is that seasonal cutbacks in some industries usually bring a decline in the number of factory workers in November.

## RECORD HIGH

But this year, the Bureau said, clothing manufacturers did not trim their payrolls and durable goods producers expanded.

The same situation was true for non-farm jobs generally. The total of this category stood at 47,862,000 in November—1,010,000 above a year earlier.

Pre-Christmas expansion in retail trade and retail-working offset normal declines in construction and mining. The Bureau said.

Consumer loans were at a record high for the 12th week in a row and expansions already

planned and inventories to restock emptying shelves accounted for a fair share of these loans.

The emptying shelves were in retail stores as well as in factories and wholesalers' houses.

## EASY CREDIT

Dun and Bradstreet, the business reporting service, said the accelerated pace of the shoppers was expected to continue in the final shopping days before Christmas with the result of a new peak season.

Retailers were reported relying heavily on promotional and stressing easy credit terms to keep their cash registers ringing—to a greater extent than last year, Dun and Bradstreet said.

The business service said the shoppers were running more deeply in debt than ever before. But, Dun and Bradstreet added, it was not an unduly large burden because shoppers' incomes were also at a record high.

Customers were reported generally favouring better-made goods, although many remained quite bargain-conscious.

In the midst of the pleasing reports, however, were a few sour notes. New York City, for instance, was the one big exception to the rule.

## COST OF LIVING

One New York shopper said sales were lagging behind last year and he blamed transportation difficulties, competition from suburban shopping centres and a city sales tax (three cents on the dollar).

As the rush of holiday shopping increased, the Government reported the cost of living crept up two-tenths of a point in November and equalled the record high of last August.

Higher home rents were mainly responsible for the rise, the Bureau of Labour Statistics said.

The index increase was too slight, however, to prevent a one-cent cut in the hourly wages of about 1,250,000,000 railroad workers whose pay is tied to the BLS index.

Under the previous adjustment the railroad workers had received a two cents an hour increase.

## FOOD PRICES DOWN

While the Government was reporting the cost of living going up, Dun and Bradstreet's index of wholesale food prices hit a low since the end of June, 1950.

The index, based on the wholesale costs of a pound each of 31 foods in general use, stood at \$6.11, compared with \$6.15 the previous week and \$6.28 a year ago.

In regard to food, the Agriculture Department in its final crop report of 1952 said American farmers produced a record volume of agricultural products, this year despite handicaps of drought, reduced acreages and mostly lower farm prices.

And, the Department added, the crops were generally of excellent quality.

The car manufacturers got some good news. The Defense Production Administration told them in the second quarter of 1953 they would have more steel than at any time since the Korean fighting started.

## STEEL TIGHT

The Government said the car manufacturers would get up to 70 per cent of their consumption up to that time.

And the car makers were promised enough steel in the first quarter to build an additional 175,000 cars and trucks—probably their full authorization of \$250,000 cars and 315,000 trucks.

Such civilian goods as refrigerators, lawn-mowers and farm and garden equipment also benefited from civilian steel allocations.

The Iron Age, metal-working trade weekly, said: "The steel market looks lighter now than it has for several months."

"Many steel people," Iron Age said, "had expected first signs of easing demand to start showing about the first of the year."

—Associated Press.

## LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 22. The rubber futures market was dull today. Prices closed at follows:

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Benny M. Reubaine, who failed to answer his name for jury service yesterday was fined \$5 by the Chief Justice, Sir George Howe, at the Criminal Session this morning. He explained that he was taken ill and by the time he arrived in town it was too late and his attendance at Court entirely upset his mind. "With very little to do during Christmas week, I would be only glad to serve in the Court," said Reubaine.